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## Dear Sir:

This Amendment is being filed in response to the Office Action mailed on March 30, 2004, finally rejecting claims 1-10 and 18-20. Claims 11-17 have been withdrawn as directed towards a non-elected invention The US Patent and Trademark Office is hereby authorized to debit Attorney's Deposit Account No. 501391 for all fees and expenses associated with this amendment and any necessary extension of time.

CERTIFICATE UNDER 37 C.F.R. 1.8: The undersigned hereby certifies that this Amendment and the papers, as described herein, are being deposited in the United States Postal Service, as first class mail, with sufficient postage, in an envelope addressed to: MAIL STOP: AF; P.O. BOX 1450; Commissioner for Patents, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450\_ 30 June 2004.

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